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To Johns Hopkins Medicine staff and faculty members, residents, clinical and research postdoctoral fellows, and students

Dear Colleagues,

The impact of the omicron variant of the coronavirus on our JHM community has been significant, and it is important that we do all that we can to keep our patients, community members and each other safe from coronavirus transmission. This includes receiving a COVID-19 booster.

Johns Hopkins Medicine *strongly encourages* all eligible personnel to receive a booster, if you have not already done so, in preparation for the time when a booster shot becomes a requirement. Eligibility for a booster is defined as being fully vaccinated and two months or more have passed since the J&J vaccine or five months or more have passed since the second dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

On Feb. 1, boosters became a requirement for Johns Hopkins University personnel to be considered fully vaccinated. (Note: This does not include the school of medicine, which will follow JHM guidelines).

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations require us to track the vaccine status, including boosters, of our personnel. If you have already received a booster and it was administered at a non-JHM site, it must be recorded in the Johns Hopkins vaccine management system. Here's how:

- Log in to the vaccine management system (VMS) at vms.jh.edu, where you'll find your vaccination status. A green mark next to "COVID-19 vaccine" along with a green mark next to "COVID-19 Booster" indicates that both your primary vaccination and your COVID-19 booster vaccine have been recorded in VMS. If there is a yellow dot, and you received a booster at a non-JHM location, documentation of the booster administration must be uploaded in VMS.
- If you had your booster and it is not recorded in VMS, please click on the blue button to submit documentation of the administration of your booster. Select vaccine type from the COVID-19 Booster drop-down menu, and follow the prompts to submit the documentation.

- If you need assistance uploading your documents, contact your manager or OHSVMT@jh.edu.
- **If you are a manager**, log in to vms.jh.edu and select My Team, sign in and review your team members' status. Please follow up with those who have not yet received a booster, particularly staff members who do not have access to a computer, and provide the necessary support.

To receive a booster:

- Schedule an appointment at a Johns Hopkins vaccine clinic through MyChart. Walk-ins are not permitted, and while we strive to optimize access, appointments may be limited at some sites.
- Stop by one of our mobile vaccination clinics. Walk-ups are welcome.
- Get a booster at a local pharmacy or from a health care provider.
- **Remember: If you receive a COVID-19 booster at a non-JHM location, please upload documentation of your booster into the** vaccine management system.

We appreciate all you've done to support our colleagues throughout the surge. Thank you for your commitment to patient safety.

Sincerely,

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